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Waste Management Division
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230 South Dearborn Street
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Re: Ninth Avenue Dump and U.S. Scrap Site

Dear Ms. Swales:

This is in response to the letter dated March 9, 1988 from Mary Gade, Acting Director, Office of Superfund, to Standard T Chemical Company, Inc. (Standard T) concerning the Ninth Avenue Dump in Gary, Indiana and the U.S. Scrap Site in Chicago, Illinois. In that letter the EPA alleges Standard T's potential liability with respect to these sites and requests us to advise you whether we would be willing to perform or finance the remedial activities described in the letter.

Without admitting liability with respect to the Ninth Avenue Dump and U.S. Scrap Site, Standard T is willing to cooperate with the other potentially responsible parties and the EPA in negotiating a resolution of this matter. We are hopeful that an appropriate plan of voluntary action for addressing conditions at these sites can be developed and implemented on a group basis.

Please direct all communications in this matter to:

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Yours truly,

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